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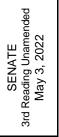
A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING A GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO THE COLORADO STATE
102	FAIR AUTHORITY CASH FUND TO PARTLY FUND THE
103	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 COLORADO STATE FAIR MASTER
104	<u>PLAN, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN</u>
105	APPROPRIATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill requires the state treasurer to transfer \$14 million from the general fund to the Colorado state fair authority cash fund within 3 days



Amended 2nd Reading May 2, 2022

SENATE

after the date the bill takes effect to partly fund the implementation of the 2021 Colorado state fair master plan.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

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SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly

3 hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) The Colorado state fair and fairgrounds are a vital community
5 asset for Pueblo and a cultural and historical asset for Colorado. Every
6 year, the Colorado state fair showcases diverse industries and hosts family
7 activities, fun-filled events, concerts, rodeos, and art, as well as
8 agricultural and industrial presentations that promote agriculture, mineral,
9 and livestock growth across Colorado.

10 (b) A historic asset to Colorado with a legacy in Pueblo spanning 11 over one hundred fifty years, the Colorado state fair fairgrounds are 12 currently facing many issues common to fairs across the country, 13 including aging facilities, limited funding, competing venues, operational 14 losses, and a backlog of building deficiencies. The Colorado state fair 15 authority board created a master plan that details the solutions to these 16 challenges.

(c) The Colorado state fair is a crucial economic driver for Pueblo
and southern Colorado, an affordable and accessible amenity for a diverse
population, and a cultural asset for all of Colorado. It is important that
Colorado, in conjunction with other contributing parties through gifts,
grants, or donations, make investments in the future of the Colorado state
fair.

23 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-65-107, amend
24 (3)(a) introductory portion; and add (3)(a)(I.7) as follows:

25 **35-65-107.** Colorado state fair authority cash fund - lease and

use of facilities - repeal. (3) (a) The Colorado state fair authority cash
 fund shall consist CONSISTS of:

3 (I.7) (A) <u>Four</u> MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH THE STATE TREASURER
4 SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COLORADO STATE
5 FAIR AUTHORITY CASH FUND CREATED IN THIS SECTION WITHIN THREE
6 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I.7)(A) TO
7 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 COLORADO
8 STATE FAIR MASTER PLAN.

9 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I.7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
10 2024.

11 SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, 12 \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the department of agriculture for use by the 13 Colorado state fair. This appropriation is from the Colorado state fair 14 authority cash fund created in section 35-65-107 (1), C.R.S. To 15 implement this act, the Colorado state fair may use this appropriation for 16 program costs. Any money appropriated in this section not expended prior 17 to July 1, 2022, is further appropriated to the fair for the 2022-23 state 18 fiscal year for the same purpose. 19 SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediatepreservation of the public peace, health, or safety.